

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Research and Special Programs  
Administration**

**49 CFR Parts 171, 172, 173, 176, 177,  
178 and 180**

[Docket Nos. HM-183, 183A; Notice No. 85-4]

**Meetings To Discuss Comments  
Received on Proposed Revisions to  
Requirements for Cargo Tanks**

**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs  
Administration (RSPA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of  
meetings.

**SUMMARY:** RSPA and the Federal  
Highway Administration (FHWA) wish  
to advise the interested public that a  
series of meetings will be held to discuss  
comments received from certain trade  
associations on a proposed rule  
pertaining to the manufacture, repair,  
requalification and operation of DOT  
specification cargo tanks. The proposed  
rule was published as Docket Nos. HM-  
183, 183A; Notice No. 84-4 (50 FR 37766,  
September 17, 1985; 50 FR 49868,  
December 5, 1985). The purpose of these  
meetings is to assist RSPA and FHWA  
in receiving clarification and additional  
supporting information on data and  
alternative proposals submitted by the  
commenters.

**DATES:** The dates for these meetings are  
as follows:

A. March 20, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m.

B. March 31, and April 1, 1987, from  
9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

C. April 2, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30  
p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held in  
Room 8236, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh  
Street, SW, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Hattie L. Mitchell (202) 368-4488; office  
hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Office of  
Hazardous Materials Transportation,  
U.S. Department of Transportation,  
Washington, DC 20590.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
items anticipated to be discussed in the  
meeting include but are not limited to  
the following:

**A. Comments From Compressed Gas  
Association and National LP-Gas  
Association.**

March 20, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30  
p.m.

**Items to be discussed:**

1. Design pressure.
2. Third party inspection and  
certification.
3. Manhole and internal valves on tanks  
with capacity of 3,500 gallons or less.
4. Tank structural integrity.
5. Fittings and closures.

**B. Comments From Truck Trailer  
Manufacturers Association.**

March 31, and April 1, 1987, from 9:00  
a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Items to be discussed:**

1. Design pressure.
2. Third party inspection and  
certification.
3. Accident damage protection.
4. Tank structural integrity.
5. Application of the ASME Code to MC  
306 and low pressure (below 50 psi)  
MC 307 cargo tanks.
6. Vents, fittings, closures and relief  
devices.
7. Wet lines.

**C. Comments From National Tank Truck  
Carriers Association and American  
Petroleum Institute.**

April 2, 1987, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Items to be discussed:**

1. Design pressure.
2. Third party inspection and  
certification.
3. Vents, fittings, closures and relief  
devices.
4. Retrofit of manhole assemblies.
5. Wet lines.

A recording of the meetings will be  
made available in the Dockets Branch.  
The Dockets Branch is located in Room  
8426 of the Nassif Building (office hours  
are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through  
Friday, except public holidays).

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